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Title: COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING AT LEAST TWO ANIONIC

ASSOCIATIVE POLYMERS AND THEIR USE FOR STABILIZATION OF AN OXIDIZING SOLUTION

Inventor(s): Jean-Marc Ascione and Michael De George

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

- 1. Application 30 pages, including 4 independent claim(s) and 65 claims total.
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